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Town & District

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Froggett and son Jimmy spent Thanksgiving day in Calgary with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boos and family of Calgary spent the holiday in town visiting relatives.

Elias Belanger is at present confined to a Calgary hospital suffering from a strained back. A couple of weeks ago he injured his back while attempting to lift a heavy object.

Thanksgiving Day was a quiet day in town. All the sportsmen who could get away spent the holiday either hunting or fishing and most of them report having had very good luck.

A gravel pit is going to be opened on the reserve near the river and gravel mining may start soon. It is the government's intention to grade the new road that has been built this fall. If this is done traffic should be able to get through to Calgary regardless of weather conditions.

Mrs. E. Bananoffy of Calgary spent the weekend in town visiting her sister Mrs. A. McLevy.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lester and little son Gordie, of Red Deer, motored to Gleichen to spend Thanksgiving day. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lester who had been visiting in Red Deer. For the past week, also by Jack Reid of Edmonton who came down to spend the holidays with his father Mr. A. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Warner left Monday for Idaho where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives. While away Mr. Warner will call on a brother he has not seen for forty years.

J. C. Madge, proprietor of the Coopersmiths' Garage, Alvin Shiffman manager of the Best Lumber Company, Calgary and Robert Staback, also of Calgary were in town Sunday. The two former gentlemen left shortly after their arrival the Brooks area to hunt game and the two men, also Mr. Staback remained over to visit relatives. He returned to Calgary on Monday night's train.

There were a large number of people who reside in Calgary, spent the weekend in the district visiting relatives and friends. The westbound train Monday evening was filled to overflowing when the Gleichen visitors climbed aboard.

Bert Boos, accompanied by his wife Betty, of Gleichen spent the holiday in town visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Boos. Monday in company with Leala Menard, Miss B. Krutek and Cam Evans went to the Brooks area to hunt game. All were successful in getting some birds. They report that there were many hunters in that district and birds were plentiful.

It hard to tell you notice first these evenings—the music of young voices or the sharp smell of the burning leaves. But where there's smoke, there's laughter, and when there's laughter, there's fun. So the groups gather about the smouldering piles, rakes lift the masses of yellow to let the flames breathe, but the job takes more time than anyone in the children know. The dogs have been trained like soldiers, plumping through to bark at some timid flame. Joe Smith comes up the street and explains why he missed the bus. Mrs. Smith passes by with a smile of satisfaction. — Bill Riley. And a voice comes from the front porch: "What ever it is to be done those leaves had better be done in about five minutes, for supper's nearly ready." Leaf smoke, some people think, comes simply from burning leaves. But there's more to it than that.

EXTRACTION FARM NOTES

Every field should be windproofed. Each year at this season it seems advisable to emphasize the necessity for "wind-proofing" our soils prepared



PITHEAD IN MODERN STYLE

The pithead gear of the new shaft at Moosejaw Common Colliery, Lancashire, is constructed in clean white concrete. In addition, the National Coal Board is to build the

biggest washery in Britain, which will be completed by the end of next month. Part of it will be open during the winter. The new shafts shown in this picture are a complete contrast to the old type of coal shaft with its pitched wheel.

On the fall, winter, and spring oil driftings period. In the cinnock hazard, w hile in other areas care

oil starts to move as soon as the snow disappears. Usually too there is a secondary drifting in the late fall.

All of this can be prevented easily.

Every farm operator in Western Canada knows that if he has bare soil it is likely to drift unless it is dug. It is important to prevent a裸地 (bare ground) cover or to lay a cover crop, so if soil is in a dangerous condition the only remedy is to make it rough. This can be done by using a mold board plow.

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Listing is the only safe procedure on light clay soils. It is preferred to work on the medium textured soils by most farmers. Listing can be done easily and cheaply by equipping a duck-foot cultivator with linter shovels which can be purchased from the implement dealers.

Only three four shovels are required for a cultivator as listing furrows may be placed four feet apart. If a duck-foot cultivator is not available a rotary disc can be used to make a lister by removing all but every fourth disc.

Listing should be at right angles to the prevailing wind.

If fields are permitted to go into the fall, a seed bed may be created winter listing. A one year

winter lister will be sufficient, and any field that is likely to drift in the spring should be cultivated or plowed as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The methods described have been used so many times with success that one does not hesitate to say that it is sheer carelessness to let fields drift. Every field should be windproofed.

Bow Valley Schools Have Complete Staff

All schools at present in operation in the Bow Valley School Division are now fully staffed. This is the first time in the past few years that the division has had a staff as favourable in respect to teaching.

A new heating system to be installed in the Arrowwood school has been approved by the board. This will give Arrowwood a fully modernized system. Heating installation procedures are now well underway and should be completed shortly.

At a previous meeting of the board of trustees the secretary was instructed

OBITUARY

LEWIS CHRISTIAN BARTSCH
Lewis Christian Bartsch, 46, well known in Gleichen was killed Saturday night when his light delivery truck sideswiped a tractor and rolled over in the ditch on the Banff highway near Cochrane, Alta. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bartsch, who lived in Gleichen for many years before moving to Calgary. Lewis was a frequent visitor to town.

The Albertan was one of the accident victims in a terrible collision with the rear end of some farm equipment being pulled by a tractor. The tractor was driven by Douglas L. Masterson of Cochrane. According to the R.C.M.P., who investigated the accident Bartsch was driving in the same direction as the tractor. As it was dark at the time (7:05 p.m.) he apparently didn't see the vehicle until it was too late to avoid an accident. The truck struck the machinery on the rear left side, then swerved into the ditch.

"R.C.M.P. rushed Bartsch to Cochrane but he was dead upon arrival. No other injuries were suffered in the accident except to the truck. Mr. Bartsch moved to Gleichen in 1902 and resided there for 20 years. He was managing agent of T. H. Peacock Ltd. in Lethbridge for 12 years. During the war he served with the Royal Canadian Engineers and Trade Board. He was proprietor of the Horse Shoe coffee shop in Black Diamond and the Swiss Delicatessen in Calgary up until a year ago. He was a member of the Lethbridge Lions Club, the Travelers Association, and manager of the King's men hockey team in Lethbridge. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. and cremation will follow.

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Standards Of Health

IT IS ENCOURAGING TO LEARN of the progress which has been made by medical science in conquering disease and prolonging life. While we hear a great deal about this battle against disease, concrete facts concerning the results which are achieved are not always so well known. Recent statistics published in Canada, show that the average life span here has been increased since the beginning of the century from 44 years to 66 years. In the United States, life expectancy is at present 67 years, almost a year more than the figure for 1945, and nearly two years longer than in 1939. One of the reasons for the rise in the average life span in both countries is believed to be the decrease in infant and maternal mortality rates which have taken place during the past few years.

Still Take High Toll While the normal life expectancy has been lengthened considerably, there are still a number of diseases which take a high toll of people in later life and there is still much to be done to improve present standards of health. In a recent article on this subject, published by the Royal Bank of Canada, it was pointed out that there should be no complacency over our present records, but that unremitting efforts should be made to further decrease mortality rates and lengthen the number of years which the average person may expect to live. It suggests that what is now needed is a general realization of "the possibilities of healthful living rather than complacency over reduction of death rates," and that the schools are the best places in which to introduce programmes of healthful living to our people.

Much Is Done In Schools A survey commenced in 1945 by the Canadian Education Association and the Canadian Public Health Association resulted in the conclusion that greater interest should be shown by the school and the com-

munity in the physical welfare of the school children as well as in their mental and emotional problems. It is now agreed that good physical health is necessary to a child if he is to progress satisfactorily at school and it is apparent that attention to the health of our children will undoubtedly have far reaching results in laying the foundations for a generation of healthier and more mentally alert adults. In recent years more interest has been taken by the schools in the welfare of the pupils in matters of nutrition, dental care, mental and emotional problems and physical defects. While there are a great many other aspects to the question of improving national health standards, it is apparent that the school is one place in which much can be accomplished in building healthier communities and eventually further reducing mortality rates and increasing the average life span of the people.

HONEY CROP

The Canadian honey crop in 1948 is currently estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 43,638,000 pounds or 14.5 per cent. more than was harvested in 1947. This is a preliminary figure as the crop was not all harvested at the time the estimate was made. A revised estimate will be released in December.

MORE AND CHEAPER FRUIT TORONTO. — Consumers can expect more fruits and vegetables at generally lower prices this winter, Hume Ryerson of Brantford, Ont., president of the Canadian Fruit Wholesalers' association said.

Journey of Magellan's ships around the world took 1,093 days.

FUNNY And OTHERWISE

Judge. "And you shot your husband with a bow and arrow?" Widow. "Yes—I didn't want to wake the children."

"What I want," said the middle-aged well-to-do spinster who was advertising for a husband, "is a man, not a manager."

"Was it not disgraceful the way Smiggins snored in church today?" "I should think it was. Why, he woke us all up!"

A young farmer interested in the principles of mechanization advertised for a wife.

In due course a young woman replied, indicating that being a farmer's daughter she was well qualified for the position, adding as a further inducement that her father had promised her a tractor as a dowry.

Back came a telegram from the young farmer: "Please send me photograph of tractor."

"Did you ever make your living writing poetry?"

"No, but I got lost in the woods once, and didn't eat for a week."

Mother: "Junior, why don't you go out and play with your little friends?"

Junior: "I have only one friend and I hate him."

A beggar knocked unsuspecting at the door of the village policeman. The door opened and, with bent head, the beggar started telling the tale.

"I didn't eat yesterday," he whined, "and I haven't eaten today." He raised his eyes and noticed blue-uniformed legs. "And," he ended, "I don't care a hang if I don't eat tomorrow either!"

The fiery tempered business man had been bested in a real estate deal by a neighbor. He strove to control his anger as he dictated the following letter to his secretary:

"Sir: My secretary, being a lady, cannot type what I think about you, and I, being a gentleman, cannot say it. But you being neither, will understand exactly what I mean."

"Why is it that the fussiest women can hold on to the best servants?" asked the lady of the house of her cook in a moment of confidence.

"Ah, there you go with your compliments, ma'am," replied the cook, "but I'm sure I don't know."

SASKATCHEWAN LOW

Fire Losses In Canada Show Increase

Although five of Canada's nine provinces showed lower per capita fire losses in 1947 than in 1946, the Dominion as a whole recorded an increase from \$4.01 to \$4.53 per capita.

The four provinces where increases occurred were British Columbia from \$3.81 to \$8.01, Manitoba from \$2.62 to \$3.18, Nova Scotia from \$4.11 to \$5.46, Ontario from \$3.96 to \$4.53.

The number of fires generally was lower than in the previous year, but a substantial proportion of the larger monetary loss was due to the increased number of large fires where the loss exceeded \$50,000.

These large fires numbered 155 with an aggregate financial loss of over \$20.2 millions. In 1946 there were 138 such fires with a total loss of \$18 millions.

Lowest per capita loss as usual was shown by Saskatchewan at \$1.76.

Second to Saskatchewan came Alberta with a per capita loss of \$2.59, conditions in Alberta being somewhat similar to those in Saskatchewan, although Alberta is more highly industrialized.

Highest per capita loss was shown by British Columbia at \$8.01, against \$3.41 in 1946. Total losses in British Columbia at over \$8.3 millions were swollen substantially by a number of large fires, one at Port Alberni amounting to \$2.1 millions, another in Yale County to \$300,000 and one in Victoria County of \$272,000. In addition there were a number of other fires with losses of over \$100,000.

Western Briefs

DUNCAN, B.C.—Salmon are getting finicky about their bait at Cowichan Bay. While two men were fishing here a healthy specimen leaped up, nipped one of them in the back, and fell back into the water.

CANORA, Sask.—Officials of the Saskatchewan Co-operative creamery have announced a \$70,000 building will go under construction shortly to replace one gutted by fire in August.

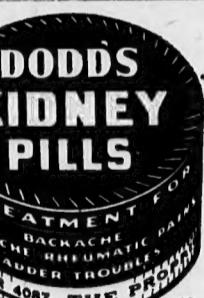
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HIGH RIVER, Alta.—Saskatoons or June berries, generally found in June or early July, turned up near this southern Alberta town three months late. A group of berry-pickers found a well-laden patch of Saskatoons and returned with 20 gallons of fruit.

SASKATOON.—A 10-acre field of Montcalm barley grown by W. E. Myers, Nipawin district farmer, yielded 900 bushels, or an average of 90 bushels to the acre, it was reported. It was grown from registered seed on a half-section farm about two miles north of the new Riverview seed plant. It is believed to be a record for this district.

The circulation of the blood was discovered by Harvey in 1828.



FIELD MARSHAL VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY, hero of El Alamein, has been made supreme commander of western union defence forces. Government sources said the choice was made by the defence ministers of the five countries, namely, Britain, France, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and Belgium at a recent meeting in Paris.—S.N.S. photo.

Prevention Of Future Floods To Be Costly

WINNIPEG.—Prevention of future floods along low-lying areas surrounding the Red River—which sweeps up through the Dakotas to its Lake Winnipeg basin in mid-central Manitoba—will cost approximately \$17,000,000.

City Engineer W. D. Hurst made this report following an extended survey of the river in company with engineers from the Provincial, Dominion and United States governments.

The survey was prompted by flood conditions last spring, when millions of dollars worth of damage was caused when the river went on its widest rampage within the memory of old-timers.

Approximately \$1,500,000 already has been spent on flood control work by the United States Government in the valley, another \$3,300,000 now is being utilized and authorization has been granted for another \$12,250,000 worth of work.

Giant Sweet Peas

EDMONTON.—Sweet peas seven feet high have been grown by S. Grimshaw in Edmonton's east end. The flowers won four prizes in a local Horticultural Society show.

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Eskimos In Arctic Not So Primitive

HALIFAX.—Canadian navy men, just back from a Hudson Bay cruise, tell this one about their visit to a tiny Arctic settlement.

An Eskimo in a kayak paddled out to meet the destroyers Haida and Nootka. A sailor tossed him a pack of cigarettes, thinking he would probably eat them.

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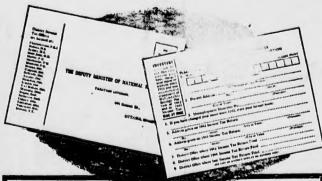
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An English Journey

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Woodstock was the birthplace of the Black Prince and is a picturesque, entirely unspoiled village.

Half a mile outside Gleichen, the famous castle given by a grateful nation to the Duke of Marlborough for his victory in 1704.

The castle is now open to the public.

The castle is a magnificent show place which can be seen in a day's time. It has 100 rooms, half covered three acres and is set in a park of 2500 acres; the grounds having been laid out by that great artist Capability Brown, who is said to have planned the lakes and streams to represent a plan of the Battle of Balaclava. The gardens are some of the finest in England and are visited by thousands, and 60 gardeners were formerly employed to keep them up. The wall around the estate is 20 miles long.

Like most large houses, the government made use of much of it during the war and the Ministry of Works has erected a number of sheds near the palace, which are eyesores.

At Dorking there stands a famous Alfred the Great's ancient school. Although it appears ancient and in perfect condition, although the walls were built about 1150. Before that was a Saxon Cathedral built about 1050 and long before that a Roman camp stood on the site.

The Abbey of St. Edmund, standing over 200 feet in length, filled with interesting features including a Jesse window, the figures of which are sculptured in stone at each intersection of a multitude.

This is one of the most interesting abbeys in all England and visitors

will find it well worth a visit. The Abbey is a long building, 36 large rooms set in spacious grounds. The vicar rents more than half of the house to other families.

Woolstone is one of the unique villages in England. Nestling far from any bus or railway route, every thatched house was a perfect picture and there is an inn over 600 years old.

The entire village consisting of inn, 20 cottages, three farms, and a large manor house was originally offered for sale. The price asked for the whole thing was 55,000 pounds, the best offer was only about 50,000 pounds so it was withdrawn.

At Kingston Loyal there is an unique relic, the Blowing Stone. This huge rock is riddled with holes and by blowing in one of them, a note is produced which it is said can be

heard seven miles.

Legend says it was used by the Druids to summon their fighters, and that King Alfred soundly defeated the Danes in the invasion because his followers won the battle the White Horse carved on the Downs by removing the turf and exposing the chalk was cut to commemorate the victory. Some of this is referred to in the poem "Tom Brown's School Days" The author of which lived at a nearby town.

To be Continued.

It is apparent that any plan for the mobilization of the national resources for the defence of our country, in addition to providing for maximum use of our manufacturing facilities, and the ultimate measure of standardization of weapons and equipment, must take into account the supply of raw materials, and sufficient capacity to keep our factories fully occupied and producing to capacity.

It is a matter of common knowledge that in spite of our tremendous natural resources in minerals and green timber we are dependent upon materials which we must import, in some cases from overseas. It is also common knowledge that in the early days of war we will be cut off from the normal sources of these scarce and strategic materials.

In view of these obvious facts, it is somewhat disturbing to note that there has been no announcement as yet concerning the mobilization of the vital important materials comprising those materials and commodities now imported, which are essential to the successful prosecution of our defensive plans.

We note that our neighbours to the south plan to spend some two and a half billion dollars in stockpiling

thirty critical materials for use in the event of emergency. If we are to fulfil our responsibilities regarding the North American defence, we must be equally prepared, and in the ratio of our respective national incomes which for us would be approximately \$140,000,000. There is no doubt but that industry would co-operate to the full in providing the materials and equipment we range to store the materials and arrange a turnover of stocks if insured against loss due to price fluctuations.

As the productive capacity of North America should be regarded largely as an entity, rather than as split up groups, so the stockpiling of materials should be co-ordinated and plans made for equitable allocation of available stocks. Perhaps something is being done along these lines. If so, we should like to know, if not, we should see that it is done.

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